



### **U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Caleb S. Duke**

Petty Officer 1st Class Caleb S. Duke is an eight year veteran of the United States Navy and is currently serving as part of the Why We Serve speakers program. He recently returned from assignment in Afghanistan in February 2007, and is speaking to groups around the country about his personal experiences serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and U.S. Central Command.

Duke returned from Afghanistan in February 2006, after serving with the 405th Civil Affairs Battalion in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. While located in the Paktia and Logar provinces, Duke served on a four-man Direct Support Team and was responsible for improving the training and education programs.

In November 2004, Duke deployed to Central Command on the USS Albuquerque with the Machinery Division and was responsible for the coordination of Engineering Refueling Overhaul.

Duke joined the Navy in December 1998, and was assigned to the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Goose Creek, S.C. where he was tasked with a variety of jobs including stealth submarine operations and was positioned on forward-deployed diplomacy teams.

Born and raised in Scranton, Pa., Duke currently resides Groton, Conn. and is assigned as a Nuclear Repair Mechanic for the Nuclear Regional Depot. Duke's father served in Vietnam as a liaison to the Vietnam Navy and River Patrol Boats. Duke is also pursuing his Bachelor of Science degree in Workforce Education and Development at Southern Illinois University.

Duke's decorations include a Bronze Star with Combat Valor (which his father received while serving the Navy), Army Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Sea Service Ribbon, Combat Action Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.